Kaon HBT radii from perfect fluid dynamics using the Buda-Lund model

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In this paper we summarize the ellipsoidally symmetric Buda-Lund model's results on HBT radii. We calculate the Bose-Einstein correlation function from the model and derive formulas for the transverse momentum dependence of the correlation radii in the Bertsch-Pratt system of out, side and longitudinal directions. We show a comparison to $\sqrt{s_{\rm NN}}=200GeV$ RHIC PHENIX two-pion correlation data and make prediction on the same observable for different particles.

1. Perfect fluid hydrodynamics

Perfect fluid hydrodynamics is based on local conservation of entropy and four-momentum. The fluid is perfect if the four-momentum tensor is diagonal in the local rest frame. The conservation equations are closed by the equation of state, which gives the relationship between energy density ϵ , pressure p. Typically $\epsilon - B = \kappa(p + B)$, where B stands for a bag constant (B = 0) in the hadronic phase, non-zero in a QGP phase), and κ may be a constant, but can be an arbitrary temperature dependent function.

There are only a few exact solutions for these equations. One (and historically the first) is the famous Landau-Khalatnikov solution discovered more than 50 years ago [1, 2, 3]. This is a 1+1 dimensional solution, and has realistic properties: it describes a 1+1 dimensional expansion, does not lack acceleration and predicts an approximately Gaussian rapidity distribution.

Another renowned solution of relativistic hydrodynamics is the Hwa-Bjorken solution [4, 5, 6], which is a simple, explicit and exact, but accelerationless solution. This solution is boost-invariant in its original form, but this approximation fails to describe the data [7, 8]. However, the solution allowed Bjorken to obtain a simple estimate of the initial energy density reached in high energy reactions from final state hadronic observables.

There are solutions which interpolate between the above two solutions [9, 10], are explicit and describe a relativistic acceleration.

2. The Buda-Lund model

We focus here on the analytic approach in exploring the consequences of the presence of such perfect fluids in high energy heavy ion experiments in Au+Au collisions at RHIC. Such exact analytic solutions were published recently in refs. [9, 10, 11, 12, 13]. A tool, that is based on the above listed exact, dynamical hydro solutions, is the Buda-Lund hydro model of refs. [14, 15].

The Buda-Lund hydro model successfully describes BRAHMS, PHENIX, PHOBOS and STAR data on identified single particle spectra and the transverse mass dependent Bose-Einstein or HBT radii as well as the pseudorapidity distribution of charged particles in central Au+Au collisions both at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 130~\mathrm{GeV}$ [16] and at $\sqrt{s_{\mathrm{NN}}} = 200~\mathrm{GeV}$ [17] and in p+p collisions at $\sqrt{s} = 200~\mathrm{GeV}$ [18], as well as data from Pb+Pb collisions at CERN SPS [19] and h+p reactions at CERN SPS [20, 21]. The model is defined with the help of its emission function; to take into account the effects of long-lived resonances, it utilizes the core-halo model [22]. It describes an expanding fireball of ellipsoidal symmetry (with the time-dependent principal axes of the ellipsoid being X, Y and Z).

3. HBT from the Buda-Lund model

Let us calculate the two-particle Bose-Einstein correlation function from the Buda-Lund source function of the Buda-Lund model as a function of $q = p_1 - p_2$, the four-momentum difference of the two particles. The result is

$$C(q) = 1 + \lambda e^{-q_0^2 \Delta \tau_*^2 - q_x^2 R_{*,x}^2 - q_y^2 R_{*,y}^2 - q_z^2 R_{*,z}^2}.$$
 (1)

with λ being the intercept parameter (square of the ratio of particles emitted from the core versus from the halo [22]), and

$$\frac{1}{\Delta \tau_*^2} = \frac{1}{\Delta \tau^2} + \frac{m_t}{T_0} \frac{d^2}{\tau_0^2},\tag{2}$$

$$R_{*,x}^2 = X^2 \left(1 + m_t (a^2 + \dot{X}^2) / T_0 \right)^{-1},$$
 (3)

$$R_{*,y}^2 = Y^2 \left(1 + m_t (a^2 + \dot{Y}^2) / T_0 \right)^{-1},$$
 (4)

$$R_{*,z}^2 = Z^2 \left(1 + m_t (a^2 + \dot{Z}^2) / T_0 \right)^{-1},$$
 (5)

with $\dot{X}, \dot{Y}, \dot{Z}$ being the time-derivative of the principal axes, m_t the average transverse mass of the pair. T_0 is the central temperature at the freeze-out, $\Delta \tau$ is the mean emission duration and τ_0 is the freeze-out time. Furthermore, a and d are the spatial and time-like temperature gradients, defined as $a^2 = \left\langle \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right\rangle_{\perp}$ and $d^2 = \left\langle \frac{\Delta T}{T} \right\rangle_{\tau}$. From the mass-shell constraint one finds $q_0 = \beta_x q_x + \beta_y q_y + \beta_z q_z$, if expressed by the average velocity β . Thus we can rewrite eq. 1 with modified radii to

$$C(q) = 1 + \lambda_* \exp\left(-\sum_{i,j=x,y,z} R_{i,j}^2 q_i q_j\right), \text{ where}$$
 (6)

$$R_{i,i}^2 = R_{*,i}^2 + \beta_i^2 \Delta \tau_*^2$$
, and $R_{i,j}^2 = \beta_i \beta_j \Delta \tau_*^2$, (7)

From this, we can calculate the radii in the Bertsch-Pratt frame [23] of out (o, pointing towards the average momentum of the actual pair, rotated from x by an azimuthal angle φ), longitudinal (l, pointing towards the beam direction) directions and side (s, perpendicular to both l and o) directions. The detailed calculations are described in ref. [24]. These include azimuthally sensitive oscillating cross-terms. However, due to space limitations, the angle dependent radii are not shown here. If one averages on the azimuthal angle, and goes into the LCMS frame (where $\beta_l = \beta_s = 0$), the Bertsch-Pratt radii are:

$$R_o^2 = (R_{*,x}^{-2} + R_{*,y}^{-2})^{-1} + \beta_o^2 \Delta \tau_*^2,$$

$$R_s^2 = (R_{*,x}^{-2} + R_{*,y}^{-2})^{-1},$$
(8)

$$R_s^2 = (R_{*,x}^{-2} + R_{*,y}^{-2})^{-1}, (9)$$

$$R_l^2 = R_{*,z}^2. (10)$$

These can be fitted then to the data [25] as in ref. [26], see fig. 1. This allows us to predict the transverse momentum dependence of the HBT radii of two-kaon correlations as well: if they are plotted versus m_t , the data of all particles fall on the same curve. This is also shown for kaons on fig. 1.

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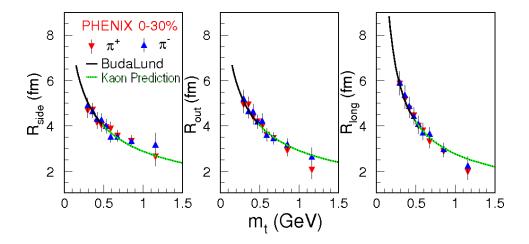


Fig. 1. HBT radii from the axially Buda-Lund model from ref. [26], compared to data of ref [25]. We also show a prediction for kaon HBT radii on this plot: these overlap with that of pions if plotted versus transverse mass m_t .

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